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SUBJECT: CIRCULAR NOTE FROM ZAIRIAN EMBASSY CHARGES US COMPLICITY
IN ZAIRIAN COUP ATTEMPT

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED JULY 10, COPY OF FIVE-PAGE CIRCULAR NOTE FROM
EMBASSY OF ZAIRE ADDRESSED TO ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR MISSIONS
AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ACCREDITED TO GOS, DENOUNCING US
COMPLICITY IN ALLEGED ATTEMPTED COUP IN ZAIRE. NOTE IN FRENCH
DATED JUNE 23, REFERS TO EARLIER NOTE OF WHICH WE HAVE NO RECORD.
TRANSLATION OF SELECT PORTIONS OF NOTE, UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED,
FOLLOWS:

QUOTE SOME MEMBERS OF ZAIRIAN MILITARY IMPLICATED IN ABORTIVE COUP
AIMED AT LIQUIDATION OF PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE... PLOT
MOUNTED BY UNITED STATES WHOSE POLICY OF DESTABILIZATION IN AFRICA
HAS BEEN VIGOROUSLY CRITICIZED BY PRESIDENT MOBUTU.... NO ONE
IS MISLED BY DENIALS OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE LED BY CERTAIN
PERSONS WHO DO THEIR UTMOST TO BELIEVE FLAGRANT FACTS.... PROOF OF
AMERICAN COLLUSION IN COUP ATTEMPT EVIDENT. BAD FAITH OF THOSE WHO
DENIGRATE ZAIRE AND ITS CHIEF WILL BE PROVEN BY WORK OF GROUP OF
JOURNALIST SENT KINSHASA TO GATHER JUSTIFYING AND CONVINCING
ELEMENTS.... PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC AND PEOPLE OF ZAIRE HAVE ALWAYS
SHOWN FRIENDSHIP TOWARD AMERICAN PEOPLE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN
OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL IN NO WAY BE SHAKEN BY RECENT EVENTS.
A YOUNG MILITARY OFFICER OF LOW RANK REVEALED TO CHIEF OF STATE
DIABOLIC PLAN OF PLOTTERS. HE HAD RECEIVED MASS OF DOLLARS FROM
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UNITED STATES BUT WAS NOT CONVINCED OF REASONS INVOKED FOR

ASSASSINATING THE SUPREME GUIDE. UNQUOTE NOTE CONTINUES SAYING THAT PLOTTERS AIMED AT ASSASSINATION BECAUSE THEY KNEW OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S IMMENSE POPULARITY WITH PEOPLE AND ELEMENTS IN ARMY. IT ALSO REFERS TO "CERTAIN IMPERIALIST POWERS WHO THOUGHT THEY COULD FIND THE OCCASION FOR SUBVERSION AMONG WOMEN TRADERS (COMMERCAntES) AND LITTLE PEOPLE WHO, DURING POPULAR MEETINGS, OPENLY CLAMOR FOR CERTAIN ADVANTAGES (AVANTAGES PRECIS)."

2. EMBASSY POUCHING AF/C COPY OF ZAIRIAN NOTE AND ITS ATTACHMENT WHICH LISTS 11 ZAIRIAN OFFICERS (FOUR OF WHOM NOTED AS HAVING CONNECTIONS WITH US) WHO WERE SAID TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN PLOTTING AGAINST PRESIDENT MOBUTU.

3. UNLESS DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES SOME OBJECTION WE INTEND TO RETURN NOTE TO ZAIRIAN EMBASSY WITH COMMUNICATION EFFECT THAT NOTE UNACCEPTABLE. WE ALSO PROPOSE TO TAKE UP MATTER WITH SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTRY SAYING THAT WE CONSIDER ZAIRIAN EMBASSY'S CIRCULATION OF SUCH MALICIOUS DOCUMENT ABOUT A COUNTRY WITH WHICH SENEGAL HAS FRIENDLY RELATIONS AS HIGHLY INAPPROPRIATE. WE INTEND ASK MINISTRY APPROACH EMBASSY OF ZAIRE TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE AND WILL AWAIT ADVICE BEFORE UNDERTAKING ACTION OUTLINED ABOVE.
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